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Bridge's odd look can't be fixed yet

By Kelsey Bradshaw
STAFF WRITER

Texas Department of Transportation officials are asking themselves "what in the heck happened" after crooked arches showed up in a $5.4 million overpass renovation project.

Work to replace the New Braunfels Avenue bridge over Interstate 35 began in 2016. Crews recently completed the western side of the overpass.

"The new bridge had everything — sidewalks and decorative arches included," reads a TxDOT blog post.

But there was a problem.

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Misshapen arches on a renovated New Braunfels Avenue bridge over Interstate 35 are the result of foam cutouts that shifted.

Harvey's cost to farmers is $200M

Livestock, cotton were biggest losers

By Lynn Brezosky
STAFF WRITER

Texas' agricultural losses from Hurricane Harvey totaled at least $200 million, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economists said Friday.

The state's farmers and ranchers knew that Harvey wiped out midcoast cotton and rice fields, ripped apart pecan orchards and stranded cattle. But until Friday, agricultural economists had not put a dollar value to the damages.

"The effects of Hurricane Harvey will linger for quite some time with our Texas farmers and ranchers," said Doug Steele, agency director in College Station. "Many South Texas or coastal-area cotton farmers were on the verge of harvesting one of the best crops ever in Texas, while

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A torn cotton module sits with others in Refugio County in early September after Hurricane Harvey hit the Texas coast.

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Texas Parks and Wildlife employee Clint Troxler pulls a research boat through the waters of Espiritu Santo Bay.

Biologists hit coastal waters to preserve Texas fisheries

Scientists create detailed record

By Brendan Gibbons
STAFF WRITER

PORT O'CONNOR — In the dark morning hours, the Coastal Fisheries biologists with Texas Parks and Wildlife put on waders and yellow slickers.

The mid-October water was cold, and "sometimes you get covered in fish slime," intern Zach Russell said.

So began a regular ritual for teams of state scientists up and down the Texas Gulf Coast. Every month, they pull nets through the water and drag dredges along the bottom of Texas' bays and estuaries, taking surveys of fish, shrimp, crabs and oysters.

Doing so, they create a detailed record of the ever-changing web of marine life along the coast. This scientific sampling is used to set commercial and recreational fishing regulations, with a goal of maintaining fisheries that last for generations.

"If Parks and Wildlife wasn't monitoring things and didn't take the effort to restrict people's gear and such, you'd have a tragedy of the commons," said Norman Boyd, lead biologist in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Port O'Connor office.

Without management, "nobody owns it and nobody cares," he continued. "If you do that with any resource, if it's a valuable resource, it will disappear."

Every year, TPWD staff at eight Coastal Fisheries offices in Galveston Bay, Sabine Lake, Matagorda Bay, San Antonio Bay, Aransas Bay, Corpus Christi Bay, Upper Laguna Madre

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Parks and Wildlife intern Zach Russell returns a jack crevalle to the bay, which is near Port O'Connor, last week.

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Violence spurs checkpoints in Mexican city

By Aaron Nelsen
RIO GRANDE VALLEY BUREAU

REYNOSA, Mexico — Tamaulipas Gov. Francisco Cabeza de Vaca has ordered security checkpoints across this border city, stepping up efforts to crack down on criminal groups in the wake of carjackings and deadly clashes in recent weeks.

But while the governor touted the latest enforcement measure in Reynosa, he called on his U.S. counterparts to do more to prevent guns from being smuggled into the city.

"Those cars weren't stolen with slingshots, they were taken with guns," Cabeza de Vaca said over breakfast with media here Wednesday, "but guns that came from which side (of the border)?"

Street blockages by narco-traffickers and rolling gunbattles have paralyzed sections of Reynosa

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